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REQUEST FOR FILING A PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

| This 53(b) | | uest for a filing a continuing application procedure, 37 CFR 1. |
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| | attache | ed is an amendment for added subject matter |
| 1 1 | | uing application to permit consideration of an information disclosure ent under 37 CFR 1.97 |
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| | 1 1 | A preliminary amendment is enclosed. |
| | X | Formal Drawings are enclosed. |

PARTICULARS OF PRIOR APPLICATION

Application Serial No.: 09/895,862

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IDENTIFICATION OF CLAIMS FOR FURTHER PROSECUTION

| | | tees to be charged are to be based on the number of claims ning as a result of the: |
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| | 1 1 | attached preliminary amendment |
| | 1 1 | unentered amendment filed under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior application, which is now repeated. |
| | | the claims as on file in the prior application |
| | X | the claims 1- 17 of the present application. |
| | 1.1 | cancel in this application original claims 1-23. |

FEE CALCULATION (37 CFR 1.16)

| | NUMBER OF CLAIMS FILED | LESS NUMBER PAID BY BASIC FEE | NUMBER OF EXTRA CLAIMS (Not less than zero) | LARGE ENTITY FEE |
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| Basic Fee | | | | \$770.00 |
| Total Claims | 17 | -20= | 0 x \$18.00 | \$0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 4 | -3= | 1 x \$86.00 | \$86.00 |
| First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims +\$290.00 | | | -0- | |
| Total Filing Fee Calculation | | | \$856.00 | |

| | | A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 |
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| ۱ | 1 | is enclosed |
| 1 | 1 | was filed in prior application number and such status is still proper and desired (37 CFR 1.28(a)) |

FEE PAYMENT BEING MADE AT THIS TIME

| No filing fee is submitted | |
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| The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the filing fee of \$856.00 to Deposit Account 50-1074. | |
| Recording assignment (\$40) [37 CFR 1.21(h)] | |
| Petition fee for filing by other than all the inventors or person not the inventor where inventor refused to sign or cannot be reached (\$130) [37 CFR 1.47 and 1.17(h)] | |
| Processing and retention fee (\$130) [37 CFR 1.53(d) and 1.21(l)] | |
| A check in the amount of: \$ (A duplicate copy of this request is enclosed) | |
| AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES | |
| The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees which may be required by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application, to Deposit Account 50-1074 . X 37 CFR 1.16(a), (f) or (g) (filing fees) X 37 CFR 1.16(b), (c) and (d) (presentation of extra claims) X 37 CFR 1.16(e) (surcharge for filing the basic filing fee and/or declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application) X 37 CFR 1.17 (application processing fees) 37 CFR 1.18 [issue fee at or before mailing of Notice of Allowance | |
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INSTRUCTIONS AS TO OVERPAYMENT

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PRIORITY--35 U.S.C. 119

| 1 1 | Priority of application Serial | No filed or is claimed under 35 | | |
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| | Certified copy will follow. | | | |
| | RELATE BACK | 35 U.S.C. 120 | | |
| | Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: | | | |
| | "This is a continuation X | divisional continuation-in-part | | |
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| | International Application and which designated the U. | filed on S. | | |
| | ASSIGNI | MENT | | |
| X | The prior application is assigned of | record to: Applied Materials, Inc. | | |
| attacl | An assignment of the invention to: _hed. | , is | | |
| | Form PTO 1595 (Recordation Form cate) | Cover Sheet) is also attached (in | | |
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| ΙΧΙ | The power of attorney in the prior a | oplication is to: | | |
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| X herew | The power appears in the original papers in the prior application submitted vith. | | | | |
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| | The power does not appear in the original papers, but was filed on | | | | |
| | A new power has been executed and is attached. | | | | |
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